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SANDY URBAN DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE

YEAR 1941

OF

Medical Officer of Health

AND

Sanitary Inspector.

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SANDY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report on the Public Health and Sanitary Conditions prevailing in your district for the year 1941.

This report has been drawn up in accordance with the requirements of the Ministry of Health's Circular 2314 of 26th March, 1941.

SECTION A.

General Statistics.

Area (Acres)	4,362
Population (1931) Census	3,148
Population (Reg. Gen. Estimate, Mid-year 1941) ...	4,039
Number of inhabited houses (1941)	1,070
Rateable Value	14,571
Sum represented by a penny rate	£55 16s. 7d.

Social Conditions.

The chief industry of the district is that of Market Gardening. Farming is also carried on but to a lesser extent.

Unemployment.

There is no trade carried on in your district prejudicial to the health of those employed and the lack of employment has not exercised any adverse influence on the health or physique of the children or adults.

Extracts from Vital Statistics of the Year.

BIRTHS.

		Total.	Males.	Females.
Live Births	Legitimate	57	31	26
	Illegitimate	3	1	2

Giving a birth rate of 14.85 per 1000 of the Resident population. The corresponding figure for England and Wales being 14.2.

		Total.	Males.	Females.
Still Births	Legitimate	1	1	0
	Illegitimate	0	0	0

Giving a Rate of 16.39 per 1000 births (live and still).

DEATHS.

All causes :—

Total.	Males.	Females.
62	29	33

Giving a death rate of 15.3 per 1000 of the resident population.

The corresponding figure for England and Wales is 12.9.

Deaths from Puerperal causes (Headings 29 and 30 of the Registrar-General's Short List). Deaths—Nil. Rates per 1000 total (live and still) births—Nil.

No. 29.	Puerperal Sepsis	0
No. 30.	Other Puerperal causes	0
	Total ...	0

Maternal mortality for England and Wales—

Puerperal Sepsis per 1000 live and still births ...	.48
Others per 1000 live and still births	1.75
	2.23

Death rate of infants under one year of age—

All infants per 1000 live births	33.3
Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births...	35.0
Illegitimate ,, ,, ,, illegitimate live births ...	Nil
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	9
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	2
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) ...	0
Deaths from Diarrhœa (under two years of age) ...	0

There has been no unusual or excessive mortality during the year. The following table gives the cause of death :—

		Males.	Females
1.	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	0	0
2.	Cerebro-spinal Fever	0	0
3.	Scarlet Fever	0	0
4.	Whooping Cough	0	0
5.	Diphtheria	0	0
6.	Tuberculosis of respiratory system	0	3
7.	Other forms of Tuberculosis	1	1
8.	Syphilitic Diseases	1	0
9.	Influenza	0	0
10.	Measles	2	0
11.	Acute polio-myel : and polio-enceph :	0	0
12.	Acute inf : enceph :	0	0
13.	Cancer of b : cav : and œsoph : (M.) uterus (F.) ...	0	1
14.	Cancer of stomach and Duodenum	0	1
15.	Cancer of breast	0	1
16.	Cancer of all other sites	4	2
17.	Diabetes	0	0
18.	Intra-cran : vasc : lesions	3	6
19.	Heart Disease	6	3
20.	Other diseases of circulatory system	1	2

		Males.	Females.
21.	Bronchitis	0	2
22.	Pneumonia	1	2
23.	Other Respiratory diseases	2	0
24.	Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	1	0
25.	Diarrhœa (under 2 years)	0	0
26.	Appendicitis	0	1
27.	Other digestive diseases	0	1
28.	Nephritis	1	2
29.	Puerperal and post-abortion sepsis	0	0
30.	Other maternal causes	0	0
31.	Premature Birth	0	0
32.	Congenital malformation birth, inj. : infant : disease ...	1	1
33.	Suicide	0	1
34.	Road traffic accident	0	0
35.	Other violent causes	0	1
36.	All other causes	5	2
	All causes ...	29	33

SECTION B.

General Provision of Health Services for this Area.

(i.) Public Health Officers of this Authority.

Medical Officer of Health, (Part time)—Dr. W. K. Parbury, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond., D.M.R.E. Camb., D.P.H. Camb.

Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor—Mr. T. Douglas, F.S.I.A., F.Inst.P.C.

(ii.) (a.) Laboratory Facilities.

Bacteriological Examinations.

Arrangements are made whereby medical men practising in the district can obtain free Bacteriological Examinations in cases of Diphtheria, Typhoid Fever, Tuberculosis and Meningitis. These examinations are carried out by the Lister Institute, as the Council does not possess the necessary fitted laboratory.

Throat swabs examined for Diphtheria ... 1.

Provision of Antitoxin.

Medical men practising in this district can obtain a free supply of Diphtheria Antitoxin. It is kept at the Isolation Hospital, Potton Road, Biggleswade, and doctors can obtain it according to their requirements. The earlier this remedy is used in a case of Diphtheria, the greater the chance of recovery.

Wherever there is the least suspicion of Diphtheria, it is wise to inject Antitoxin, and to submit a swab for examination. If the latter should prove to be negative, no harm is done, and should it on the other hand be positive, much valuable time has been saved.

Tetanus Antitoxin is supplied by the County Council, Shire Hall, Bedford. Arrangements have also been made for the supply of Botulinus Antitoxin Serum, which can be obtained on application from the Medical Officer of Health, Guild Hall, Cambridge.

(b). Ambulance Facilities.

For infectious cases .....Motor Ambulance stationed at Isolation Hospital, and another at the Mogerhanger Sanatorium.
For non-infectious cases...One motor ambulance at the Biggleswade Police Station.

Judging from the experience of previous years, I consider the above arrangements are quite adequate for the needs of the district. There is an understanding among neighbouring Authorities that their ambulances would be available in a case of emergency.

2. Nursing in the Home. (a) General Nursing.

There is a Nursing Association in Sandy which has about 448 subscribers. The Committee has secured the services of Nurse Murrell to carry on the work of the Association; she attends Maternity, Minor Medical and Surgical cases. For the year under review the Nurse has paid 2154 visits on Midwifery, Surgical, Medical Ante-Natal and Casual cases, and has attended 21 Midwifery deliveries. The Association is maintained by donations, subscriptions, fees charged to non-subscribers and to maternity cases.

(b). Nursing of Cases of Infectious Disease.

There is an Isolation Hospital which takes in cases of infectious diseases. Your authority does not provide for nursing in the home for such cases.

Clinics and Treatment Centres.

None in the district. The nearest available are: For Maternity, Child Welfare and Tuberculosis: in Biggleswade. For Venereal Disease: in Bedford.

Hospitals Provided or Subsidised by Local Authorities or by the County Council.

	Hospital.	Situation.	Authority	Accommodation
1.	Tuberculosis ...	Mogerhanger Park ..	County Council	84 Beds
2.	Maternity	none		
3.	Children.....	none		
4.	Fever.....	Biggleswade	Jointly with Biggleswade U.D.	22 Beds
5.	Smallpox	Biggleswade	Jointly with Biggleswade U.D.	12 Beds
6.	Mental	Stotfold	County Council	—
7.	Infirmary	Biggleswade	Guardians.....	—

3. Midwives.

One midwife has notified her intention to practise in your district for the year—Nurse F. J. E. MURRELL.

4. Legislation in Force.

ADOPTIVE ACTS, BYE-LAWS AND REGULATIONS IN FORCE WITHIN THE DISTRICT

Infectious Disease (Prevention) Act, 1890.
Private Street Works Act, 1892.

BYE-LAWS OR REGULATIONS ARE IN FORCE RESPECTING :—

New Streets and Buildings.

SECTION C.

Sanitary Administration.

(1.) Water.

RAINFALL.

Month.	Total	Greatest Rainfall in 24 hours Inches.	Date	No. of days with .01 or over.	No. of days with .04 or over
January	1.82	.48	25	5	12
February ...	1.31	.26	12	1	13
March	2.88	.64	7	3	9
April	.74	.3	1	1	5
May	1.67	.49	26	3	8
June	1.07	.43	9	—	5
July.....	1.91	.54	15	4	9
August	3.28	.28	12	4	16
September...	.57	.45	28	1	2
October	2.2	.87	9	7	4
November ...	1.89	.68	11	4	11
December ...	.72	.23	14	4	4
	20.0			37	98

Average rainfall for England and Wales for 10 years	36.0
Rainfall for England and Wales for 1941	33.8
Average Rainfall for Sandy for 10 years	21.28

The whole of your district is supplied by a public main with the exception of some of the outlying farms and the Potton Road beyond the cemetery. The water is obtained from the Biggleswade Water Board by meter and is of excellent quality. The analysis is as follows :—

Biggleswade Water Board.

The following is the report of the Analysis of this Board's water as made by the County Public Health Laboratories.

Analysis of a sample of water received on June 11th, 1942, from Biggleswade Water Board, labelled Topler's Hill Reservoir, dated June 11th, 1942, 12.30 p.m. Taken by--T. A. Staniforth. Witness—L. Rogers. Signed T. A. Staniforth.

BACTERIOLOGICAL RESULTS.

No. of Bacteria growing on Agar per cc. or ml. in		1 day at 37°C... 1
,,	,,	,, 2 days at 37°C... 2
,,	,,	,, 3 days at 20°C...26
The Bacillus Coli	Present in—	Absent in 100 c.c.
Bacillus Welchii (B. Enteritidis Sporogenes)	Present in—	Absent in 100 c.c.

This sample is reasonably clear and bright in appearance' neutral in reaction and free from metals apart from a negligible trace of iron. The water is hard in character, although not to an excessive degree, contains no excess of saline or mineral matter in solution and is of satisfactory organic and bacterial purity.

These results are consistent with a wholesome water, suitable for drinking and domestic purposes.

E. V. SUCKLING.

REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1941.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report on the Sanitary Conditions aud other work carried out during the year 1941,

The continuation of War has caused a suspension of normal routine and created many other duties such as Evacuation, Fuel Control, A.R.P. work, and other Civil Defence activities.

During the year there has been a constant movement of Evacuees including a considerable number of War Workers.

This influx has greatly tested our accommodation from time to time, but we have been able to find sufficient billets on a voluntary basis.

1. Drainage and Sewerage.

The Town is sewered along the Main Streets. The sewer runs from the Station Bridge along High Street, down the St. Neots Road as far as the New Inn. Another sewer runs from Brickhill Road, along Cambridge Road, Northcroft, Bedford Road, and the Great North Road. These sewers meet and the sewage is taken to the Sewerage Works where it is treated. There have been no extensions to the sewers this year.

The engines and pumps at the Sewage Works are working in a satisfactory condition. During the year the engines and pumps have worked an average per day of 9 hours 27 minutes, as compared with an average of 9 hours 22 minutes for 1940. The Sewerage Works continue to produce a good average effluent despite the increased quantity of sewage dealt with.

2. Rivers and Streams.

The Ivel Internal Drainage Board undertake the cleaning out of all ditches and streams. This has been done satisfactorily.

3. (i) Closet Accommodation.

There are 991 houses on the water carriage system, 162 earth pails and 7 privies. Where any house is within reasonable distance of the sewer the water carriage system is installed.

(ii) Public Cleansing.

The collection of household refuse, contents of pail closets, and emptying of cesspools is carried out by contract. A regular service has been maintained during the year. The disposal of the refuse is carried out by controlled tipping and particular attention has been given to this system to ensure good packing and covering.

The following is a summary of the work carried out during the year :—

Total number of visits made	68380
Ashpits emptied	—
Ash-bins emptied	59956
Privies emptied	5
Cesspools emptied	80
Pail Closets emptied	16848
Loads of Refuse and Night Soil removed ...	468

Total Cost £517 6s. 3d.

Average Cost per visit 1s.8d.

Average Cost per Load removed 22s.1d.

(iii) SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

Summary of Inspections.

The following Table shows the number of Inspections made during the year for all purposes :

Dwelling Houses inspected under the Housing Acts Regulations	5
Ordinary inspections of Housing Defects ...	61
Sanitary routine inspections	166
Inspection of New Buildings in course of erection	61
Inspection of Slaughter Houses and Foodstuffs ...	8
Visits and re-visits to Council Property relating to reported defects and repairs of same ...	1122
Inspection of Factories and Workshops including Bakehouses	24
Inspection of Cowsheds and Dairies ...	17
Inspection of Petroleum Stores	—
Visits re Infectious Disease	4
Rooms Disinfected	8
Inspections under Shops Act	10
Other Miscellaneous Visits	—
	1486

Notices Served.

42 Intimation Notices or Letters were sent dealing with 58 premises. No Statutory Notice was served, most of the defects being remedied by verbal notice.

The following list gives the particulars of the defects remedied or work carried out after the attention of the owner or occupier has been called to the same :—

Dwelling Houses.

Roofs and Chimneys repaired	10
Guttering and Fall Pipes repaired or renewed	11
Floors repaired	4
Dampness remedied	2
Windows repaired or made to open	2
Improved Lighting	0
Fire Grates repaired or renewed	2
Walls and Ceilings repaired	3
Coppers repaired	2
Water Pipes and Fittings repaired ...	18

Drains.

Inspection Chambers and Covers provided ...	—
Drains unstopped or repaired	18
Trapped Gullies provided	—
Cesspools repaired	4
New Cesspools or Dumb-wells provided ...	2

Closet Accommodation and Ash Receptacles.

New Ash-bins provided	36
Sanitary Conveniences provided to Workshops	—
Flushing Cisterns provided or repaired ...	10
New E.C. Pails provided	3
Existing Sanitary Conveniences repaired ...	2
Insanitary Privies abolished	—

Cowsheds and Dairies.

Dairies and Cowsheds cleansed and whitewashed	4
Cowshed floors repaired	2
Improved Water Supply	—
Other contraventions of the Milk and Dairies Order remedied	—

Miscellaneous.

Accumulations of Manure or Refuse removed ...	4
Slaughter-houses cleansed and limewashed...	2
Bakehouses cleansed and limewashed	6
Pigsties reconditioned and repaired ...	3

The following is a summary of the various defects &c., which have been dealt with in connection with the Council's houses :—

New cooking ranges supplied and fixed ...	3
New combination grates supplied and fixed...	1
New coppers supplied and fixed	11
New dustbins provided	12
New E.C. pails provided	4
New W.C. cisterns provided and fixed ...	18
Timber screens erected	1
New parts to coppers	20
New parts to cooking ranges	42
New parts to mantel registers	9
Firebricks for coppers or ranges ... (sets)	41
New D.P.C. to walls and dampness ...	—
Gully channels repaired	8
Door furniture repaired or renewed ...	44
New weatherboards to doors	2
Gates re-hung or adjusted	33
Gate catches repaired or renewed	1
Doors eased or repaired	80
Fences repaired	3
New W.C. pedestals	0
Chimney pots fixed	1
Concrete pavements repaired or re-laid ...	41
Stacks repaired	4
Internal decoration and white liming ...	8
Floors re-laid and repaired	4
Drains unstopped	16
W.C. overflows adjusted and cisterns repaired ...	87
Water pipes repaired	51
Sink and bath wastes repaired	64
Eaves, gutters and fall pipes cleaned and repaired	18
Internal plastering	32
New doors supplied and fixed, woodwork rep.	14
Roofs, ridges, etc. repaired	36
Repairs to draining boards, flap tables, etc. ..	10
Electrical defects repaired	17
Windows repaired	39
Tap washers renewed	99
Soft water tanks repaired	19
New taps provided	13
New parts combination grates	15
New W.C. seats and repairs	7
Coppers, grates rep. etc.	35
New tanks supplied	2

Factories and Workshops.

There are 36 Factories and Workshops on the Register and 24 visits of inspection have been made.

The following is a list of the premises on the Register :—

Bakers	... 6	Millers	... 2
Basket Maker	... 1	Motor Engineers	... 2
Blacksmith	... 1	Plumbers	... 3
Boot Repairers	... 4	Printers	... 1
Carpenters	... 3	Saddlers	... 2
Cinema	... 1	Stone Mason	... 1
Cycle Repairer	... 1	Tailors	... 1
Gas Works	... 1	Wheelwright	... 1
Electrician	... 1	Wireless Repairer	... 1
Joiners	... 3		

All the premises are generally in a satisfactory condition

3. (iv) Shops and Offices.

Shops Act, 1934.

10 Visits have been made under the above Act and 54 shops have been placed on the Register. In 5 cases of lock-up shops where the accommodation is restricted, the Council have issued Certificates of Exemption in regard to the provision of sanitary conveniences. With reference to Circular 1600 of 1st June, 1937, no action has been found to be necessary.

3. (v) Smoke Abatement.

No action was necessary.

3. (vi) Swimming Baths and Pools.

One public Bathing Pool on the River Ivel. A hut has been erected by the Council with separate dressing accommodation for each sex, together with diving board. The Bathing Huts are provided with sanitary convenience. The site of the bathing place is on a stretch of the river where the banks are clean and the running water appears to be satisfactory.

3. (vii) Eradication of Bed Bugs.

1. (a). Council Houses—Nil.
1. (b). Other Houses—Nil.
2. Furniture and houses are sprayed with Zaldicide.
3. By the inspection of the tenants house and his effects.
4. Disinfestation carried out by the Local Authority.
5. Re-inspection and advice given to tenants.

SECTION D. HOUSING.

Town Planning.

The Draft of the Council's Town Planning Scheme under the Town and Country Planning Act, 1932, is awaiting the approval of the Ministry. It was prepared by the Council's consultant, Mr. W R. Davidge, of London.

Restriction of Ribbon Development, 1935.

Proper and suitable arrangements have been made with the Beds. County Surveyor for the carrying out of the necessary requirements of the above Act.

New Buildings.

During the year 10 plans of proposed new buildings were deposited and approved and the following erected :—

Dwelling Houses	—
Additions to existing dwelling houses	...
Additions to existing outbuildings	10
Additions and alterations to existing house and shop	—

HOUSING STATISTICS.

1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the Year.

(1)	(a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	5
	(b)	Number of Inspections made for the purpose	
(2)	(a)	Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925.	—
	(b)	Number of Inspections made for the purpose	—
(3)		Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	NIL
(4)		Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	5

2. Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notices.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	5

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year.

A.—Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs — NIL

(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—

(a) By owners ... ... — NIL

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners — NIL

B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... ... — 61

(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :

(a) By owners ... ... — 61

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners — NIL

C.—Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... — NIL

(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... ... — NIL

D.—Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... ... — NIL

(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined the tenement or room having been rendered fit ... ... — NIL

4. Housing Act, 1936—Overcrowding.

A.—(1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year ... ... — NIL

(2) Number of families dwelling therein ... — NIL

(3) Number of persons dwelling therein ... — NIL

B.—Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year ... ... — NIL

C.—(1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year ... ... — NIL

(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases... — NIL

D.—Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding. ... ... NIL

E.—Any other particulars with respect of overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report NIL

SECTION E. Inspection and Supervision of Food.

(a.) Milk Supply.

8 persons are registered under the Milk and Dairies Order, 1925, 4 are cowkeepers and 2 are purveyors only. Two dairymen residing outside the district retail milk within the district.

17 visits have been paid to the 7 cowsheds in the area, generally during milking time The dairies are also frequently visited. Tests have been made for sediment with the "Sutherland Thomson" Minit Tester with satisfactory results.

Conclusion.

I would take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to the Council for their continued consideration and support I have received in the execution of my varied duties, and to the Clerk of the Council and the other officers for their co-operation at all times.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

T. DOUGLAS, F.S.I.A., F.INST.P.C.,

Sanitary Inspector.

Council Offices, Sandy,

February, 1942.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1941 for the Urban District of Sandy, in the County of Bedford.

On the administration of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, and the Factories Act, 1937 (which superseded the Act of 1901 on 1st July, 1938.

1.—INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health.

INCLUDING INSPECTIONS MADE BY SANITARY INSPECTORS.

Premises. (1)	Number of Inspections (2)	Written Notices (3)	Occupiers prosecuted (4)
Factories with mechanical power ...	3	—	—
Factories without mechanical power ...	21	—	—
†**Other Premises** under the Act. including works of building and engineering construction but not including outworkers' premises)			
†Electrical Station should be reckoned as factories. **Total** ...	24	—	—

DEFECTS FOUND.

Particulars. (1)	Number of Defects: Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector (4)	Number of defects in respect of which Prosecutions were instituted (5)
Want of cleanliness (S. 1)	1	1		
Overcrowding (S. 2)				
Unreasonable Temperature (S. 3) ...				
Inadequate ventilation (S. 4)... ...				
Ineffective drainage of floors (S. 6) ...				
Sanitary Conveniences (S .) insufficient				
Sanitary Conveniences (S .) unsuitable or defective				
Sanitary Conveniences (S .) not separate for sexes				
Other Offences ... ... Not including offences relating to Home Work or offences under the Sections mentioned in the Schedule to the Ministry of Health (Factories and Workshops Transfer of Powers) Order, 1921, and re-enacted in the Third Schedule to the Factories Act, 1937				
Total	1	1		

SCHOOLS.

There are two schools.

1. St. Neots Road Schools.

Church of England.

Average number on roll	...	125
Average attendances	...	101

2. Laburnum Road Schools.

County Council School. This school was built by the County Council in 1906 and was well planned.

		Mixed	Infants
Average number of Scholars on roll	...	200	95
Average number of attendances	...	179	83

SECTION F.

Prevalence of and Control Over Infectious and Other Diseases.

Arrangements have now been made with other Authorities in Bedfordshire that, in the event of any Isolation Hospital being full, other Isolation Hospitals in the county are prepared, at a fixed charge, to take any infectious disease from the district whose Isolation Hospital is full of any of the diseases which their Isolation Hospital is designed for.

The Biggleswade Isolation Hospital takes cases of Infectious Disease from your district. The following were treated.

On January 1st there were present—

	Scarlet Fever	6.	Diphtheria 0.
Admissions—			
	Scarlet Fever	3.	Diphtheria 1.
Discharges—			
	Scarlet Fever	9.	Diphtheria 1.
On December 31st.			
	Scarlet Fever	0.	Diphtheria 0.

Scarlet Fever.

Three cases of Scarlet Fever were notified. This is a great improvement on last year's returns which were 39 cases.

No deaths.

Diphtheria.

One case of Diphtheria was reported. This was a mild case.

No deaths.

Artificial Immunisation against Diphtheria.

On December 7th, 1940, the Ministry of Health issued Circular 2230 which authorised a scheme for the Immunisation against Diphtheria of all children of school age and under school age.

During the year 61 children under 5 years have been completely immunised out of an estimated number of 300, and 448 children of the age of 5 to 15 years out of 539 children on the School Roll.

Public Health (Small Pox Prevention) Regulations, 1917

No cases occurred.

Notifiable Diseases (Other than Tuberculosis)

	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Pneumonia	Erysipelas
Cases Notified	3	1	0	0
Cases admitted to Hospital	3	1	...	...
Total Deaths	...	...	3	...
Cases under 1 year	...	...	...	...
Deaths under 1 year	...	...	1	...
Cases from 1—2 years	...	...	...	...
Deaths „ „ „	...	...	...	...
Cases from 2—3 years	...	...	...	...
Deaths „ „ „	...	...	...	...
Cases from 3—4 years	...	...	...	...
Deaths „ „ „	...	...	...	...
Cases from 4—5 years	...	...	...	...
Deaths „ „ „	...	...	...	...
Cases from 5—10 years	...	...	...	...
Deaths „ „ „	...	...	...	...
Cases from 10—15 years	3	1	...	...
Deaths „ „ „	...	...	...	...
Cases from 15—20 years	...	...	...	...
Deaths „ „ „	...	...	...	...
Cases from 20—35 years	...	...	...	...
Deaths „ „ „	...	...	...	...
Cases from 35—45 years	...	...	...	...
Deaths „ „ „	...	...	...	...
Cases from 45—65 years	...	...	...	...
Deaths „ „ „	...	...	1	...
Cases from 65 and upwards	...	...	...	...
Deaths „ „ „	...	...	1	...

Cancer.

Nine deaths occurred—4 males and 5 females. The ages of the 4 males were 78, 78, 52 and 34 and the 5 females 82, 77, 65, 79 and 77.

Prevention of Blindness.

Public Health Act, 1936 (sec. 176). This is undertaken by the County Council.

Tuberculosis.

No action was necessary under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, or under sec. 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

Age Periods	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1								
5								1
10	1*							
15			1					
20								
25		3*						
35	1					2	1	
45								
55						1		
65 and upwards				1				
Total	1 + 1*	3*	1	1	0	3	1	1

*Re-notifications.

In Conclusion.

I should like to express my thanks to Mr. H. A. Usher, Clerk to the Council, and his staff, for the help they have given me, also to your Sanitary Inspector, Mr. Douglas, whose loyal co-operation has been of the greatest assistance.

I have the honour to remain,

Your obedient servant,

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